

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Claim 1 (currently amended). An adhesive tape comprising:

a tape body to be adhered to an adherend;

a positioning tab positioned on one end periphery of the tape body, and

a release sheet provided on a rear side of the tape body,

wherein the positioning tab and the tape body are interconnected via a connecting portion that is positioned therebetween, the connecting portion further including

a cutting line penetrating through the tape body and the release sheet in the same location, and

wherein the cutting line is arranged and constructed to be ruptured therealong, so that the positioning tab can be separated from the tape body along the cutting line. and

wherein the release sheet is provided on the entire area of the rear side of the tape body, and wherein the release sheet has a slit that is formed adjacent to the cutting line so as to be peeled while leaving a portion thereof.

Claim 2. (canceled)

Claim 3. (canceled)

Claim 4. (currently amended) An adhesive tape as defined in claim 3 1, wherein the release sheet has an additional slit that is formed in a side periphery thereof so as to extend therealong, and wherein the additional slit is longitudinally aligned with the first named slit so that only a central portion of the release sheet can be peeled while leaving a portion of the release sheet .

Claim 5. (currently amended) An adhesive tape as defined in claim 3 1, wherein the release sheet extends onto a rear side of the positioning tab beyond the connecting portion.

Claim 6. (previously presented) An adhesive tape as defined in claim 1, wherein the positioning tab has a fixing element that is positioned adjacent the connecting portion.

Claim 7. (currently amended) An adhesive tape as defined in claim 3 1, wherein the tape body comprises an elongated tape body, wherein the one end periphery of the tape body corresponds to one of the longitudinally opposed end peripheries of the tape body, and wherein the slit is formed so as to extend along one of the laterally opposed end peripheries of the tape body.

Claim 8. (previously presented) An adhesive tape as defined in claim 1, wherein the adhesive tape is designed to be applied to a vertical frame of a vehicle door.

Claims 9 - 14 (cancelled).